

BREAKING: OXFORD GRADS DISRUPT GRADUATIONS FOR GAZA; OTHERS PROTEST OUTSIDE CEREMONY

Students protest Uni's investments in Israel following ICJ decision

23 July 2024; OXFORD, UK -- On Tuesday, the University of Oxford will hold two graduation ceremonies at the Sheldonian Theatre at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Graduating students will unfurl flags and banners as they approach the centre of the floor to receive their degree. Other protestors will be gathered outside distributing flyers made to mimic the Oxford graduation pamphlets which outline Oxford's funding of the Israeli occupation. They will also hold banners, wave Palestinian flags, and hand small flags to graduation attendees entering the theatre.

OA4P will take video from inside the ceremonies, which will immediately be uploaded to our Press Kit at OxAct4Pal.com following the event. The pamphlets distributed by students can also be found on the Press Kit.

WHAT: Oxford graduates disrupt graduation inside; others protest outside theatre

WHERE: Oxford Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street

WHEN: 10:00am - 11:00am (for 10:30AM graduation ceremony), 1:00pm - 2:00pm. (for 1:30PM graduation ceremony)

The protest is the first public-facing action staged by OA4P since the University forced the closure of its Gaza Solidarity Encampment at the Radcliffe Camera on 8 July.

QUOTE: Sara Pelham, graduating with a BA in English & Modern Languages, explained why they took part in the protest with their peers. "I was part of our Gaza solidarity encampment for the last 3 months, and instead of ending its support of Israel's genocide, Oxford threatened legal action against its own students and stood by while we were brutalised by police and Uni security. I have no pride in graduating from a University that funds the murder of over 186,000 Palestinians. Especially after the International Court of Justice decision this week, it's clear the international community has a legal obligation to immediately stop supporting Israel."

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Oxford Action for Palestine (OA4P) is a student-led collective joined by faculty, staff, and the wider Oxford community, all of whom are dedicated to the liberation of Palestine. On May 6, OA4P established a Liberated Zone encampment in solidarity with Gaza, calling on the University of Oxford to cut financial and institutional ties with Israeli genocide,

*occupation, and apartheid. For updates, visit OxAct4Pal.com and find us on Instagram, X,
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